(c) The States have been advised to be ready to introduce Smart Cards in road transport sector.

(d) Introduction of Smart Card-based registration certificates and driving license in road transport sector will enhance efficiency at RTO level and ensure that the documents are readable throughout the country. This would help in eliminating delay/harassment to citizens in inter-state movement and also in minimising the chances of use of fake/fraudulent documents.

(e) Several States have reportedly initiated preparatory steps, but none has yet fully introduced the scheme.

Completion of National Expressway

†558. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total proposed length of National Expressway;

(b) the number of phases in which it has been divided for completion;

(c) the amount estimated to be spent, phase-wise and under which Head the same would be drawn;

(d) the phase under which Expressway from Ahmedabad to Mumbai has been put and by when work would begin;

(e) the estimated length alongwith the amount estimated to be spent on it; and

(f) the cities with Headquarters to be connected by this Expressway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Tenth Five Year Plan provides for initiating action for development of around 1000 Km length of Expressways.

(b) to (f) The details have not yet been worked out.

Increasing road accidents

†559. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the road accidents on the National Highways;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of road accidents occurred during the last three years,State-wise;

(c) the number of persons apprehended being responsible for road accidents alongwith the number of persons out of them who were punished; and

(d) The details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Details of road accidents on National Highways during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are given in Statement (*see below*). Number of accidents on National Highways per 1000 vehicles has been consistently declining.

(c) and (d) Enforcement of provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 is entirely the responsibility of the State Government. Information regarding persons apprehended and punished for violating the rules & regulations is not maintained by this Ministry.

Statement

State-wise Road Accidents on National Highways

All India/States/UTs	1999	2000	2001
Andhra Pradesh	8518	7203	8626
Arunachal Pradesh	53	70	93
Assam	1754	1889	1927
Bihar	1899	2127	1167
Chhattisgarh	Included in Madhya Pradesh	2096	2597
Goa	887	1091	1149
Gujarat	7758	1813	6738
Haryana	2779	2765	3033
Himachal Pradesh	829	709	898
Jammu & Kashmir	2112	2328	526
Jharkhand	Included in Bihar	1419	1392
Karnataka	9162	9605	N.A.
Kerala	7596	8512	10095
Madhya Pradesh	6783	5611	7164
Maharashtra	15343	16150	14269(P)
Manipur	214	217	208
Meghalaya	159	186	370
Mizoram	36	31	52

All India/States/UTs	1999	2000	2001
Nagaland	57	35	54
Orissa	2651	2784	2759
Punjab	1223	1268	1256
Rajasthan	6778	6718	7465
Sikkim	33	29	43
Tamil Nadu	16329	18615	19881
Tripura	242	184	202
Uttaranchal	Included in Uttar Pradesh	236	469
Uttar Pradesh	6442	6198	5790
West Bengal	2615	2443	2791 (P)
A & N Islands	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chandigarh	56	62	45
D & N Haveli	Nil	Nil	Nil
Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil
Delhi	1153	1277	1123
Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pondicherry	378	537	595
TOTAL	103839	110508	102777(P)

N.A. = Not Available P = Provisional

Completion of NHDP works

560. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has estimated completion of 45 per cent of the NHDP works by December, 2003;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has expressed doubts of completion of the project by the targeted date of mid-2005;

(c) whether the NHAI has yet to acquire land along 2130 kms. length in various States;

(d) whether problems related to negotiation of subsequent funding from World Bank and ADB are also causing delay; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to solve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission periodically reviews the progress of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and suggests measures to complete the project as per assigned target.